

Gainful Employment Disclosure Definitions/Glossary

- OPEID:** Identification number used by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE) to identify schools that have Program Participation Agreements (PPA) so that its students are eligible to participate in Federal Student Financial Assistance programs under Title IV regulations. This is a 6-digit number followed by a 2-digit suffix used to identify branches, additional locations, and other entities that are part of the eligible institution.
- CIP:** The Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) is a taxonomic coding scheme for postsecondary instructional programs/fields of study that facilitates the organization, collection, and reporting of program data. The CIP was developed by the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) and is the accepted federal government statistical standard on instructional program classifications and is used in a variety of education information surveys and databases. An example of a 6 digit CIP code and corresponding program description would be: 11.0901, which corresponds to programs in Computer Systems Networking and Telecommunications.
- Normal time:** This is the approximate amount of time necessary for a full-time student successfully completing 15 units per semester based on a careful educational plan to complete all requirements for a degree or certificate according to our institutional catalog. For example, this would typically be 2 years (4 semesters, excluding summer terms) for an associate's degree or 1 year for certificates of less than 30 units. However, many students do not attend full-time, may not successfully complete all the courses they take, and/or may not immediately develop educational plans or may change educational plans once developed, sometimes multiple times.
- Average time:** This is the amount of time on average that it takes students at Long Beach City College to successfully complete the program, including part-time students or full-time students taking less than 15 units, as well as students who may not initially have educational plans or who change their educational plans.
- Credit hour:** Also known as units. One credit hour or unit represents equivalent of an hour (~50 minutes) of instruction per week over the entire term.
- Tuition & Fees:** The approximate amount of tuition and required fees charged to a student for the units covered by entire program for the normal time to completion. Required fees are the fixed sum charged to students for items not covered by tuition and required a sufficient proportion of all students that the student who does not pay the charge is an exception.
- Books & Supplies:** The average cost of books and supplies for a typical student for the entire program of study.
- Room & Board:** Annual charges assessed students for an academic year of rooming accommodations on-campus. LBCC does not have on-campus housing.
- Completion:** When a student completes all program requirements and receives a degree, diploma, certificate, or other formal award. In order to be considered a completion, the degree/award must actually be conferred.
- Federal Loans:** These student loans include all Title IV student loans, such as Stafford (subsidized and unsubsidized) and Perkins loans. This does not include PLUS and other loans made directly to parents.
- Private Loans:** These loans are provided by a private educational lender that is not a title IV loan and are issued expressly for postsecondary education expenses to a borrower, regardless of whether the loan is provided through the educational institution that the student attends or directly to the borrower from the private educational lender. Students at Long Beach City College generally do not incur private loans.
- Institutional Loans:** An institutional financing plan is the extension of credit to a student for educational costs that will be paid by the student (or on the student's behalf) after the program of study has ended. The amount and frequency of the installment payments and whether they include a fee or interest are specified in the written plan. Long Beach City College does not offer institutional financing.